REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections contained in the Office Action of May 6, 2009 is respectfully requested.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings. In particular, the Examiner asserted that Figures 20-23 require a "Prior Art" designation because only that which is old is illustrated. In view of the Examiner's requirement, a set of new formal Figures has been prepared and submitted herewith. In particular, each of formal Figures 20-23 has been amended to include the label "Prior Art" as required by the Examiner, and no additional changes have been made. Therefore, no new matter has been added, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the new formal Figures 20-23. In view of the submission of these new formal Figures, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's objection to the drawings has been overcome.

In items 3 and 4 spanning pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to several of the original claims due to various informalities. However, the claims have now been amended as indicated above so as to address those informalities. Consequently, it is submitted that the Examiner's objections to the original claims have also been overcome.

On pages 3-6 of the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that the claims contain allowable subject matter, and would be allowable if amended to address the formal issues discussed above. Therefore, in view of the amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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